

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2021, Via Zoom

Upcoming meeting dates on the [website](#).

PAC Executive: Amy Chuang (Chair), Shawna Deagle (Treasurer), Kyla Epstein (Secretary)

PAC Members: ~11 Van Tech Parents/Family Members

Guest speakers: Melody McKiernan, Hayley Arstad, Emma Bettlestone

VT Staff: Robert Moro (Principal), Angela Bigioli (PAC Teacher Rep)

Regrets: Amanda Hillis (Van Tech Rep to DPAC)

1. Welcome, Chair Remarks, General Announcements, & Acknowledgements (Amy Chuang)
 - Land acknowledgement to honour the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh
 - Welcome!

2. Special Guest Presentations: Career Education Curriculum
 - Guests, Education Planner BC (EPBC): Melody McKiernan & Hayley Arstad
 - The EPBC engagement team presents to both Career Life Education and Career Life Connection classes in high schools (Grs 10-12)
 - *Played a [video](#) about EPBC support to plan for journey into post-secondary*
 - EPBC started in 2015 to develop a common application platform for BC post-secondary institutions (PSIs); one applicant, one application
 - Puts applicant needs and priorities first, creates value for PSIs
 - In 2016 brought together ApplyBC & Education Planner into combined EPBC
 - Not all PSIs are on the system but are bringing others on soon
 - Website – over information about over 2500 programs, both academic and trades; the website is also going to be redesigned in next year
 - Offer a grade 11/12 parent info night
 - *Provided a tour of the website resources: www.educationplannerbc.ca*
 - Website includes videos about different kinds of careers and what kind of education would be needed; information for parents; financial aid and bursary information; database with various programs; etc.
 - *Provided overview of how the site links to WorkBC site for various career options*
 - Students can set up an account starting in Grade 10 but won't have ability to apply until later
 - *Showed what it looks like when student sets up account – a view of the common application*
 - Guest: Emma Bettlestone, Van Tech Teacher, CLC courses
 - Main topics covered in CLE & CLC
 - Opportunity to reflect on planning and values from Grade 10 (CLE) to Grade 12 (CLC)

- Cover areas such as networking, connections, people resources and how can support future path
- Build on accomplishments to explore what skills they have and what gifts they have to apply to future path
- Focus a lot on strategies to be in balance between school/life/work
- Talk about internal/external factors that influence their future path
- In CLC...opportunity for students to explore an area of interest in Capstone; about 30 hours of exploration on a topic; might be a career focus but doesn't have to be; encourage them to approach the capstone as a question, as inquiry, something personal, can't be Googled
- Try to set a goal for the capstone; also try to combine both research and doing/action (e.g. doing interviews with folks)
- Upon completion of 30 hours they reflect on the learning; journey, not about reaching the goal – do a presentation on what they learned
- *Question: How do presentation works?*
 - During COVID; used digital presentations, uploaded; this year giving option to pre-record or do in-person; this year doing during FIT so other students interested can sign up to come see the presentation
- *Question: What kind of guidance do the students get to develop their projects? And when do they start?*
 - Don't jump into Capstone until a few weeks into CLC after have had a chance to do some self-reflection and then take them through the project step-by-step
 - Talk about their personal experiences, reflections and then go into ideas and then inquiry and then goal
 - Students can use this structure but don't have to if have another idea for how they want to go about it; as long as meets criteria
 - Students sometimes pivot; start to explore something and then shift and/or scale back a bit
- *Question: I have noticed that some programs require an application by Dec 1 so how does CLC fit in with post-secondary applications in Gr 12? If capstone is exploring what want to do after graduate but have to apply before capstone is done?*
 - Even if finished applications and then have CLC afterwards; can use your capstone around area of interest but also don't have to
- *Question: Have an older kid who graduated last year (not from Van Tech); stressful time...if spread out over a longer time, kids concerned about grades, exploration like this in Gr. 12 might be coming too late in high school; any thought do this in a less stressful time? Or less stressful way?*
 - Would be great if it could be stretched out and paced differently
 - Rob: Can consider pulling some of this into Grade 11; has funding and timetabling implications; currently in a linear approach and adapting to

semester approach but can definitely talk about it and see what's possible

- *Question: Can CLC be done through VLN?*
 - Believe it can; don't know too much about this

3. Message from Angela (Teacher Rep)

- Want to plug the Holiday Hampers; looking for donations in Period One classes; non-perishable items; have ~101 families will be giving hampers to; can also donate [online](#) (tax receipt eligible) – please make sure you note it is for Van Tech Holiday Hampers; leadership students help with this
- Next PAC funding requests for February - few teachers concerned won't know what need because of new semester system; will there be monies afterwards?
 - *Amy: Because have some rollover funds from 2020/21 should be ok this year; may need to rethink our usual disbursement times if semester model continues*
- PE Department – Sept 2019 Track & Field strategy was approved by VSB and Park Board; Van Tech track would be dug up and replaced with a competition track; haven't heard much about it, fearful that this won't happen
 - *Kyla: If needed, we as PAC can reach out to the VSB trustee assigned to Van Tech to ask about this.*

4. Principal's Report (Rob Moro)

- Friday was an Indigenous-focused PD day for employees; staff listened to Elders and representatives from Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh, Nations; discussed moving from reconciliation to reconcili-action; worked in small groups and collected ideas
- Information on Parent-Teacher conferences went out by email; you can start booking tomorrow (Dec 1) for times on Dec 9; limited to two bookings to start and then will open up
- Basketball tournament starting tomorrow
- Grade 9 & 10 immunization clinic on Dec 8th; not for COVID-19; for regular grade 9 vaccinations and catch up for students who missed last year
- Also want to emphasize need to support holiday hampers

5. Treasurer's Report (Shawna Deagle)

- *Shared screen; see Appendix at end of these minutes*
- November financials; not much of a change from last month
- Received 2021/22 gaming grant
- No disbursements or invoices yet for the requests approved last month
- Update from last meeting – see minutes from last month
 - There was a request for Spin Bikes but we since determined not eligible under current gaming grant; PE Dept. purchased

- Since last meeting another request from PE Dept. for First Aid for all Grade 10 students; \$4500; firefighters would come in to do the training for students; requesting a vote to approve; small cost to families but lower with this PAC request; normally PE would subsidize more of this but bought spin bikes this year since wasn't covered by PAC
- *Motion: To approve the request for \$4500 for Grade 10 First Aid* *M/S/C*

6. DPAC Rep Report (Amanda Hillis, DPAC Rep for Van Tech) – *written provided ahead of meeting; read by Kyla Epstein*

- The Kerrisdale PAC has nominated Michael Lang to the Vancouver DPAC Executive. Amanda will use the Van Tech vote to support Michael's nomination unless there is any concern. *Bio: My name is Michael Lang. My family moved to Canada from Hong Kong in 2014. I'm a proud Vancouver Angels hockey parent of three amazing young girls (2, 7 and 11 years of age). Two are at Kerrisdale Elementary school. I have previously served as [the DPAC] representative on VSB's Sustainability and Active Transportation Committees and as the DPAC Rep for Kerrisdale Elementary. I am passionate about improving all aspects of public education. I also strongly believe that active transportation can play an important role in improving the health of our children and of our wider communities. To encourage active transportation, we need safe routes to school that will make communities stronger and more vibrant for all of our children. I believe that parents have an important part of play in having the VSB work with the city to make active transportation to schools an attractive option for families. Thank you for your consideration in electing me to the DPAC executive.*
- Last week several DPACs organized a Special Joint Meeting "BC Kids and COVID-19" with Dr. Katherine Smart (pediatrician and 2021/22 Canadian Medical Association president) and the focus of their General Meeting was a panel of doctors (Dr. Shannon McDonald - Acting Chief Medical Officer of the First Nations Health Authority; Dr. Gina Ogilvie - professor in the School of Population and Public Health at UBC, associate director of the Women's Health Research Institute and a senior scientist at the BC Centre for Disease Control; and Dr. Manish Sadarangani - Director of the Vaccine Evaluation Center at the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute and an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, UBC Department of Pediatrics) answering parent questions on vaccinations. The transcript from this meeting will be available later. The next Executive Meeting will be on Thursday, December 9th.
- Anti-Racism Non-Discrimination Strategic Plan Engagement findings will be presented by Urban Matters at the VSB Policy & Governance meeting tomorrow night (Dec 1). Report in committee agenda (https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Meeting_Minutes/Documents/agendas-files/21_12Dec01_P%26G%20Full%20Agenda.pdf). If you have questions you'd like answered at the meeting, submit them to Alan Patola Moosman, DPAC treasurer, who is the DPAC representative for this committee. treasurer@vancouverdpac.org.

- Gaming Guidelines for PACs/DPACs - If there anything in the current 2021 Gaming Grant Guidelines for PACs which needs to be addressed - i.e. clearer, more, revised, removed, added etc. - for next year's PAC/DPAC Guidelines for 2022/23, please share with me to pass along to the BCCPAC representative attending that meeting.
7. Open Discussion
 - *No additional questions*
 8. Wrap Up & Adjournment (Amy Chuang)
 - Please send us topics you'd like to discuss or presentations you'd be interested in:
chairvt@gmail.com

Next Meeting: January 25, 2022 - watch for agenda and Zoom details on the [website!](#)

Van Tech PAC Meeting
November 30, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

2021-2022 School Year
November 30, 2021 Treasurer's Report
prepared by Shawna Deagle, Van Tech PAC Treasurer

1. Van Tech PAC BC Gaming Account:

Money available for 2021-2022 School Year

• Account balance (2020/21 Gaming Grant)	\$20,314.68
• 2021-2022 BC Gaming Grant - received	<u>\$31,900.00</u>
Total	\$52,214.68

Disbursements for 2021/22 Gaming Grant:

September 2021	\$ 0.00
October 2021	\$ 0.00
November 2021	\$ 0.00
December 2021	\$ 0.00
January 2022	\$ 0.00
February 2022	\$ 0.00
March 2022	\$ 0.00
April 2022	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Money allocated for 2021-2022 School Year

Approved October 2021	\$ 18,255.00
Approved December 2022	\$ 0.00
Approved February 2022	\$ 0.00
Remaining unallocated Gaming funds	\$ 33,989.68

Money allocated for 2021-2022 School Year

Description	21/22 PAC Allocation	Disbursed Dec 2021	Disbursed Jan 2022	Disbursed Apr 2022	unused
1. Base Space	\$1,800				
2. Aquatics Team	\$ 658				
3. Rugby Uniforms	\$1,141				
4. Chemistry Contests	\$ 675				
5. Indigenous Dinner	\$1,000				
6. Safe Teen	\$3,500				
7. Fort Langley	\$3,000				
8. Whistler Transportation	\$1,286				
9. Math Tutorials	\$ 120				
10. Guest Speakers	\$ 500				
11. Skateboard Program`	\$1,500				
12. Library	\$1,500				
13. Music Department	\$1,500				
14. BCCPAC	\$ 75				

2. PAC General Account:

● Balance:		August 30, 2021	\$ 294.73
● Expenses:		Bank fee	
i. Bank plan fee	Sept/21	\$ 4.95	
ii. Bank plan fee	Oct/21	\$ 4.95	
iii. Bank plan fee	Nov/21	\$ 4.95	
iv. Bank plan fee	Dec/21	\$ 0.00	
v. Bank plan fee	Jan/21	\$ 0.00	
vi. Bank plan fee	Feb/21	\$ 0.00	
vii. Bank plan fee	Mar/21	\$ 0.00	
● Balance:		November 30, 2021	\$ 279.88